

## BENT TO BE VICE-CHAIRMAN

AND DOWNING TO SUCCEED LITTLE TIM IN SINKING FUND.

Gresser Goes In With Tammany and Gets the Chief Clerk of the New Board, Whose President Says Somebody Ought to Be Kicked—The Cause.

The Democratic organizations of Brooklyn and Queens made effective yesterday the after election threat that Tammany wouldn't get the support of the Democrats from those two boroughs in the new board unless Brooklyn and Queens got a share of the offices to be handed out when the new body meets in January. Hitherto all the good jobs in the City Clerk's office have been filled by Tammany men, but at a caucus held yesterday of the Democratic members of the incoming board it was decided to hand some of them to Brooklyn and Queens.

Through his representatives in the caucus John H. McCooey, the successor to Senator McCarren in the leadership in Kings, demanded the vice-chairmanship of the board. This is the place that was held in the present board by Little Tim Sullivan. When the caucus was held Little Tim was still alive, and although it was believed that he was going to die some of the members of the caucus suggested the postponement of the caucus. The suggestion was not supported by the majority and it was decided to go ahead with the plans for organizing the new board.

McCooey has behind him twelve out of the twenty-four Aldermen from Brooklyn, and it had been agreed by Charles F. Murphy, in view of the condition of Little Tim, that the caucus should name for vice-chairman McCooey's man. The man put forward by McCooey was Alderman Francis P. Bent of the Sixty-first district, and he was made the unanimous choice of the caucus.

Then came the turn of President Gresser of Queens. Until yesterday's meeting there had been some doubt as to whether or not Mr. Gresser, who was described by Jim Gaffney in one of the letters he wrote to Boss Murphy as being decidedly "tender," would side with the Tammany. He and his three balance of "power" Aldermen were at yesterday's caucus, but before they entered it Mr. Gresser let it be known that unless his borough got the chief clerk of the board he would bolt. The place was given to him and the new chief clerk will be Sheriff S. Harvey of Queens. The salary is \$5,000. The appointment will mean that John T. Oakley, one of Murphy's old friends, who now holds the job, will be dropped.

Alderman Frank Downing, the present Tammany door keeper of the Board of Aldermen, who expected to be vice-chairman, was told off to continue as leader and to be elected chairman of the Finance Committee in place of Little Tim.

Manhattan served City Clerk P. J. Scully, and Mr. Scully will be appointed for another term of six years. The decision was not unanimously reached until after Alderman Dugan of Queens, who is a Cassidy man, who wanted something for the Cassidy organization, the Arbutus kick. Dugan was surrounded by the members of the caucus and was told that as he had accepted the invitation to attend the caucus he was bound to abide by the decision of the majority. Eventually he gave way, and the choice of Mr. Scully was made unanimous. Joseph P. Fiercer, the Tammany leader of the southern half of the Twenty-fifth Assembly district, is to be retained as deputy clerk.

The result of the caucus shows that Tammany if it can hold the support of the Democratic Aldermen from Kings and Queens will have 41 out of the 79 votes of the board. Had Little Tim lived there is no doubt that he would not only have kept this majority together but would have added to it. Whether Frank Downing can do it will be seen in the fights for committee chairmanships. Little Tim took away from the President of the Board the prerogative that official had always had of naming the chairman of committees and bestowed it on himself by way of a committee on rules. John Murray Mitchell, the new President of the Board, intends to try to get back the authority to name the committees. That he intends to adopt a fighting attitude was shown yesterday when after he was told that Gresser had taken part in the caucus he said:

"Any man elected on the Civic Alliance ticket who goes over to Tammany ought to be kicked."

Alderman Bent, chosen for vice-chairman, is in the real estate and investment business at 1 Madison avenue. Before going to Madison avenue he used to be in business in the St. James Building at 113 Broadway, and while there was a very active business man in the promotion of mining propositions. He was also a generous man in this phase of his activities, offering by advertisements to share his good fortune in these enterprises with the public.

The Alderman has been known to his associates on the board only as Alderman until February of this year, when Gen. Theodore A. Bingham, then Police Commissioner, addressed him as "Colonel," which caused the Alderman to blush. Bent's police committee had Gen. Bingham before it to tell why the General had snuffed out Brooklyn's independence as a police entity and brought its deputy commissioner over to Mulberry street. Gen. Bingham said:

"I want to say, Colonel, that there was no get rich quick scheme in this and no Grub Stake Club."

All anybody ever found out about the Alderman's military title was that he had been in Kentucky or somewhere where titles are plenty and that he seemed to have heard of it. Then there was flashed out an advertisement that had appeared in a New York newspaper on October 15, 1908, signed Francis P. Bent, secretary, and addressed "To my friends and associates," which read in part as follows:

If one good turn deserves another I feel that I will never be able to do you a better turn than by calling your attention to the Alaska Grub Stake Club, of which I was elected secretary and treasurer and by

giving you a chance to share in the profits of the venture. I looked up March, the prospector and engineer, and verified his references. . . . They showed the exact location of the new gold field from which many millions must be made and the way to reach it. Marsh never considered these secrets to be another living soul. These data, maps, etc., are deposited in the Madison Avenue Safe Deposit Vault at 208 Fifth avenue. I want you with us. I do not want you to rob the baby's bank. Just take ten, twenty, or fifty that you like and you will never regret it. If you can't spare but \$10 send it. That will buy you a \$100 profit sharing contract.

On the first of that same month an advertisement had appeared in the same paper headed "Has Fortune Smiled on You" and reading:

Tunasa produced \$20,000,000 in gold. Nambu produced \$25,000,000 in gold. Klondike produced \$30,000,000 in gold. Caribou produced \$75,000,000 in gold. Rich a few people owning the whole of any camp would have been. Our prospector has discovered the king pin of all big camps and we are looking it all for a few of us. Do you want to be one of the few? If so address Francis P. Bent, 1135 Broadway. State (honestly) how little or how much you can invest and will send proposition.

A little earlier, in August of that year, an advertisement signed in the name of the "Alaska Grub Stake Club" had said that the club's prospector was to start from Seattle in September. This was followed by a similar advertisement on September 17, headed "Alaska," and setting forth:

A limited number of investors wanted to join the Grub Stake Club now being formed to send prospector and party to newly discovered field. Alaska Grub Stake Club, 1135 Broadway.

On June 3, 1908, appeared an advertisement reading:

No burrah about this mine; the plain facts are sufficient to convince investors; best thing in Nevada; come in now; get on the ground floor; all stock guaranteed; can be used as collateral any time. Full particulars sent on request. F. P. Bent, box 98, M. S. station, New York.

Mr. Bent came from Stamford and has a young brother, William W. Bent, at Bridgeport practicing law. Mr. Bent was elected Alderman from the Sixty-first district, a Democratic nominee, but said to have been virtually elected by the Municipal Ownership League.

## BOMB OUTRAGE IN PALERMO.

Mafia Blows Up Shop of a Man Who Wouldn't Pay \$5,000.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

ROME, Dec. 22.—A bomb was exploded in front of a grocery in Palermo last night, wrecking the front of the shop. The outrage was the work of the Mafia, which had demanded \$5,000 from the groceryman. He had refused to pay it.

## THE NERO HERE.

Arbutus Still Hopes to Fleet Yankee—Compressed Air Battleship?

The naval collier Nero reached the New York Navy Yard safely yesterday afternoon. The collier went aground in a fog on Breton's Reef at the entrance to Newport harbor last July. She was floated with compressed air by John Arbutus's men and taken into the harbor early in August, where repairs have been made.

She left Newport on Tuesday afternoon in tow of the revenue cutter Mohawk, and was towed by the Arbutus tug Seabury and was brought slowly through the Sound. Near Bell Gate she was met by other tugs and taken into the navy yard.

John Arbutus telegraphed President Taft and the Secretary of the Navy yesterday advising them of the success of the efforts of his engineers. He also said that he hoped to be able to deliver the cruiser Yankee to the navy yard, although she now lies in deep water outside New Bedford. His telegram was:

Have delivered United States collier Nero from Breton's Reef, and taken from Newport to New York, kept afloat by compressed air, with one-third of her bottom gone. Thank you for your great assistance. Hope to deliver the Yankee to navy yard with your help. Capt. McAlister and Engineer Wetherston furnished the brains; I only furnished the muscle. Hope you will let us fit out a battleship with compressed air, making her absolutely unsinkable.

## REGIMENT CALLED TO ATHENS.

Military League May Start Revolution—Deadline in Chamber.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

ATHENS, Dec. 22.—The struggle between the Military League and the supporters of ex-Premier Theotokis has resulted in a deadlock in the Chamber. There was no session today, the Theotokis and his supporters attending, while the supporters of Col. Lapathotis, who resigned the War portfolio yesterday, were removed.

The Military League insists that Col. Lapathotis remain in office. The King had a long conference to-day with Prime Minister Mavromihalis attempting to reach a peaceful arrangement. It is believed that the Ministry will resign.

The Military League is determined to win. It has telegraphed to an infantry regiment at Chalcis to come to Athens. The Greek army is now in the city. It is reported that several foreign warships will arrive at the Piræus tomorrow.

## PHONE BROUGHT THE POLICE.

And the Police Found Regular Burglars on Mr. Alexander's Roof.

Police detectives caught two burglars on the roof of Joseph M. Alexander's house at 145 West 126th street last night, just as the thieves were getting ready to enter. They were armed and had a complete set of crooks' tools. They gave their names as William Rogers and William Williams of 121 West Thirty-sixth street.

Mr. Alexander, who has been ill for some time, was in his room on the second floor last night. His daughter May was in her room on the third floor dressing for the theatre. Mrs. Alexander and a married daughter, Mrs. L. Mayer, were at dinner. May hearing noises on the roof, turned out all the lights and called down to her mother.

Meanwhile Herbert Einstein, who lives next door, saw the two men on the roof. Einstein phoned Police Headquarters and so did Mrs. Mayer. When the detectives arrived they found that the burglars had arranged to get down by an extension from the house by means of a rope ladder. The burglars did not put up a fight. They were taken to the police station and charged with burglary and larceny.

Cardinal Gibbons urged all Catholics to say the Mass of St. Francis Xavier for the souls of the dead. He said that the Mass of St. Francis Xavier was the best Mass for the dead.

## BIG CHRISTMAS FOR OUR TARS

THE MEN WILL GET FURLOUGHS, NOT SHORE LEAVE.

Ten Battleships Arrive and More Are Coming—Half a Million Dollars to Go Into Their Pockets To-day—Uncle Sam Wants 'Em All to Have a Good Time.

The cloudy aided battleships of the North Atlantic fleet emerged yesterday morning from the grayness of the first dawn of winter and loomed across the vision of the marine observer in the tower of Sandy Hook. There were ten craft in all, and they had been making port from Hampton Roads since Monday morning.

That was because they were busy doing stunts of an evolutionary sort while coming up the coast; anyhow, they did not want to get here before to-day, not having anything particularly important to do otherwise than give the 10,000 bluejackets and marines a chance to enjoy a real Christmas in a latitude where things have a Christmas aspect and where Rhode Island, Long Island and Manhattan Island turkeys are more abundant than in the Indian Ocean or down in the West Indies.

It is three years since any of the veterans of the fleet have seen a real Yankee turkey in a cool place, and they are going to see more this Christmas than any aggregation of fighting craft in any or all the navies of the seas ever have had the privilege of surrounding before.

The big ships came in so silently that nobody except folks on the bay or the Hudson River waterfront knew that Uncle Sam had a battle fleet close by. Silence is a characteristic of all his fleets. Before noon all had dropped anchor up the North River, a little closer than usual to the heart of the town, under a special dispensation of the Treasury Department.

Down at the foot of Seventy-second street was the Kansas, above her lay the Vermont, and astern of her (or otherwise, if the tide happened to be the other way) was the flagship Connecticut, at the foot of Eighty-sixth street. Then on up the river to the foot of 129th street stretched the Missouri, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, Minnesota, Rhode Island, Nebraska and New Jersey and the repair ship Panther and the hospital ship Solace.

Never has a fleet had so few men on the sick list and never so many native Americans. Only six bluejackets needed the services of the doctors and nurses aboard the Solace. A launch that went the rounds of the battleships took these six, whose ailments were not of a serious sort, consisting mainly of bad colds that might if not attended to turn into pneumonia.

Aboard the Connecticut alone there are 1,050 stomachs to be considered, including those of three cat mascots. To provide for all the men and all the mascots, excluding several thousand men who will take dinner in New York on Christmas Day, there will be slaughtered 1,000 turkeys. Beside the turkeys there will be hundreds of bushels of oysters, a forest of celery stalks, sweet and Irish potatoes, pickles, olives, peas, cheese, mince pies, plum puddings, nuts, raisins, ice cream and all the other things that a free people take into their holds on festival occasions.

The men of the fleet will not have the usual two or three days "shore liberty." They will be permitted to take "furlough" for a whole week and do as they please. Half of them are from the middle West and they will have a chance to go to their old homes in the uniform of their ships and eat their turkeys with their families. Those who live too far away to go home will make their ships their hotels and have their week's furlough just the same. They will have some money to spend here and wherever they may decide to go, as to-day they will receive their pay, which means for all of them about \$600.00 drawn from the Treasury by Pay Inspector R. E. Ames just before the fleet left Hampton Roads.

Officer of the fleet said about the men:

"Why should we not have absolute faith in them? They are among the best real Americans we have. This sort of a Christmas celebration is something of an innovation. The old way of observing Christmas aboard an American man-of-war was to send the fleet to sea. Well, we had fewer Americans in the navy then, and less sense too, perhaps, on the part of superiors."

"We give no orders now to the men to behave because we do not think it necessary. From my observation the bluejackets certainly behave as well as college boys during a holiday or after a football or a baseball game. We do not blame all college boys when some of them cut up in the Tendonier, and I don't see why we should censure a fleet because a few sailors may misbehave. We forgive the sailors, who are young mostly and just as good Americans as most of the college boys."

Other battleships of the fleet will join those now here, and finally all will go down to Guantanamo to practice a few months in the art of shooting with big and little guns and small arms, of showing how swiftly and economically each ship can be run by contests with hulls submerged to trial draught and of maneuvering just as they might in time of conflict with the ships of nations that might want to make trouble for us some time.

Naturally there also will be some play at Guantanamo. Baseball games will be held for the squadron supremacy and there will be rowing contests and track sports of all sorts; likewise boxing.

Admiral Schroeder, boss of the fleet, will take the same privilege that he has accorded to his men who live as near or even a bit further from New York as his family does. He will go down to Washington and eat his Christmas turkey with his family. And he believes his turkey will not be a bit better cooked than those of the battleships.

The Twenty-third Street Branch Y. M. C. A., at 215 West Twenty-third street, it is announced, will be open all of next week to the officers and men of the fleet. On New Year's Day there will be a reception to them from 2 o'clock in the afternoon to 11 o'clock at night. Rear Admiral Schroeder will be the guest of honor. He is expected to arrive about 5 o'clock and to remain an hour or so.

Admiral's Boatmen Catch Cold. Some men for coughs, colds or grippe. 10 cts.

## PEARY'S POLAR DATA.

Geographic Society Opposed to Submitting It to University of Copenhagen.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Members of the National Geographic Society to-day opposed the suggestion that Commander Peary submit his polar data to the scientific committee of the University of Copenhagen in order that the same committee might pass on the data of both Dr. Cook and Commander Peary. Henry Gannett, the famous geographer and a member of the committee of the society which investigated Peary's records, said:

"Nothing can be gained by submitting Commander Peary's data to the University of Copenhagen and I do not see any reason why he should do so. The committee which passed on his papers was fully qualified to arrive at an unbiased opinion."

Prof. J. Howard Gore, who was also a member of the committee, said: "The National Geographic Society is fully competent to pass on claims of this nature but if Mr. Peary should decide to submit his data to any other competent body he may do so."

## TO CLIMB MT. MCKINLEY.

Six Alaskans Set Out to Determine Whether Cook Reached the Summit.

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Dec. 22.—An expedition organized several months ago to attempt an ascent of Mt. Frederick A. Cook's story that he reached the summit set out from Fairbanks to-day with dog teams and supplies. It will establish a base at the foot of the mountain and make a dash for the summit in March.

The party is composed of Thomas Lloyd, William Taylor, Charles McGonigle, Peter Anderson, Robert Horn and Charles Davidson, all hardy Alaska pioneers familiar with the mountain. The climbers will forfeit \$5,000 if none of them reaches the summit.

## DR. COOK IN SANITARIUM?

Rumored That He Is a Patient at Mount Clemens, Mich.

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., Dec. 22.—There is ground for the belief that Dr. Frederick A. Cook is in a Mount Clemens sanitarium, but investigation has failed to confirm the rumor.

Dr. R. H. Martin has a mysterious patient under his care. When questioned he refused to either affirm or deny the report that his patient was Dr. Cook, leaving the impression that he is guarding a secret he had been especially commissioned to keep.

## TREASURY'S WORKING BALANCE.

Conference at the White House Regarding the Issue of Bonds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Taft, Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh and Senator Aldrich had a short conference at the White House last afternoon. The question of the issue of bonds to meet the working balance of the Treasury up to a point regarded as nearer normal was discussed. No conclusion was reached and the discussion, it was said, was devoted to a general review of conditions. It is probable that other conferences will be held shortly and that no decision will be reached for some time, as the Administration believes that there is no pressing need of a bond issue.

The working balance in the Treasury, according to to-day's statement, is approximately \$22,000,000. The normal balance is around \$45,000,000. During the panic of 1907 the working balance was reduced at one time to about \$5,000,000, when Secretary Cortelyou sent money to banks throughout the country. No apprehension is felt over the comparatively small working balance. The Secretary of the Treasury can at any time issue 5 per cent. certificates or he can issue Panama Canal bonds. Up to date the Government has advanced out of the general fund for the Panama Canal nearly \$100,000,000. It is regarded as possible that if a bond issue is necessary Secretary MacVeagh may issue Panama Canal bonds.

## THE BRONX COMPLAINS.

Not Enough Schools, Police and Fire Protection, Trade Board Says.

The needs of The Bronx were set forth at a meeting of the North Side Board of Trade at 138th street and Third avenue last night. The committee on schools reported that 10,000 children in the borough were doing part time and urged the immediate erection of new schoolhouses.

The report complained that while other boroughs, Brooklyn in particular, were receiving large appropriations for schools, The Bronx was being overlooked.

John Price, chairman of the police and fire committee, said that the removal of bicycle police had caused a procession of spears in The Bronx, and he added that the fire protection was not as good as it might be.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are: J. Harris Jones, president, and Ernest Hall, Joseph A. Goulden, Adolph S. Hupfel, John J. Amory, Louis F. Haffen and Henry L. Morris vice-presidents.

## CREW SAVED IN NICK OF TIME.

Men of the Bull Dog Near Death When Picked Up by U. S. Cruiser.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 22.—Capt. Thomas Sullivan and seven others of the crew of the British wrecking steamer Bull Dog, A. Cook in a sinking craft, were picked up by a United States cruiser, arrived here aboard this vessel this afternoon.

Capt. Sullivan, who for ten years was master of a vessel of the Furness Line, running between Hampton Roads and European ports, told a thrilling story of the wrecking of the Bull Dog. The ship was hit by a torpedo and sank in 18 minutes. The crew was rescued and they could have survived only a short while longer without assistance.

British Vice-Consul Barton Myers took charge of the men here.

## FLOPPERS AND BLOBS.

Holiday Beggars Raked Off the Streets by Police and Forbes Society.

Inspector McCluskey began last night to work with the Forbes society to clear the Tendonier of beggars in town for the holidays. The Forbes society is the National Association for the Prevention of Mendicancy and Charitable Imposture.

The inspector had twenty plain clothes men to help him last night. They rounded up all sorts of beggars, "flopers" and "blobs." A flopper is one who flops on the sidewalk and plays on the sympathy of the passerby. A blob is just a panhandler.

## GREAT BEAR SPRING WATER.

The Party Made It In Ten Days.

## NO CASH TO HIRE TEACHERS

YET \$5,000 SUPERINTENDENTS ASK FOR A RAISE.

They Lose in the Board of Education—Women of the Elementary Schools. If Anybody, Are Entitled to the Increase of Pay, Gen. Wingate Insists.

The Board of Education is short of women teachers for the elementary schools because of lack of money to hire them. This information came out at yesterday's meeting of the board when an effort was made to increase the salaries of the twenty-six district superintendents from \$5,000 to \$6,000 a year.

Chairman Harrison of the by-laws committee reported against the proposition and said:

"In view of the fact that the women teachers are demanding an increase of pay it does not seem fair that we should raise the salaries of the highly paid superintendents. If we take this \$26,000 from our fund for 1910 we must admit that our budget was padded. If we so use the money some other activity, such as recreation centres or playgrounds, is likely to suffer."

Gen. Wingate said that if the board had any money to spare for raising salaries it should go to the women teachers in the lower grades.

"It is not square dealing on our part to let the Board of Estimate that we are going to pay the superintendents a certain salary and then to increase the salary as soon as the budget passed," he continued.

Commissioner May made an appeal for the superintendents, saying that they were hard working men.

"This board is sadly pinched for money," said Chairman Greene of the finance committee. "We are so short of funds that we are not able to appoint necessary teachers in the elementary schools. It is only by strict economy that we can get through the year without a deficit. Nothing else would compel us to curtail the number of elementary school teachers."

"I may inform this board," said Abraham Stern, "that more than 300 candidates for the position of elementary school teachers have been anxiously waiting for six months for appointment, but we didn't have the money and couldn't appoint them. Some of them are the principal expected support of the family. What will the Board of Estimate say if we take this \$26,000 from the general fund? We could be charged with not keeping faith with the public or with the Board of Estimate."

The vote resulted 21 to 20 in favor of the increased pay for superintendents, but as a majority of the full board of forty-six members is required the proposition went down.

Abraham Stern introduced a resolution that five members be appointed to go before the Board of Estimate after January 1 and urge the appropriation of sufficient money to increase the pay of teachers according to the schedules that were voted down by the present Board of Estimate.

Commissioner Alfred Somers handed up a resolution which calls for "equal pay for equal work," as the women teachers put it. The resolution asked that the by-laws be amended "so as to provide but one salary for one and the same position, except that teachers and supervisors of boys may receive an additional salary or bonus not to exceed \$100 for teachers."

Mr. Gresser said he had been politically crushed between the women teachers, who demanded equal pay for equal work, and the men teachers, who opposed the proposition. He asked that his resolution be considered by the by-laws committee before the board took a vote on it. The request was granted.

The trustees of the Normal College voted yesterday a bill which is to be introduced changing the name of the Normal College to the New York College for Women. The salary of the president of the college was raised from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year.

## FIRE PATROL HITS AUTO.

Lawyer's Party Gets in Necessity's Way—Three Shaken Up.

An automobile in which were Harry M. Burr, a lawyer of 302 Broadway, another man and a woman collided with a fire patrol wagon at 148th street and Brook avenue. The Bronx, yesterday afternoon, and wrecked the machine. The occupants were badly shaken up, but refused medical aid.

The automobile belonged to the Star Automobile Company of The Bronx. Burr was on his way to St. Francis Hotel to get his wife and remove her to a sanitarium in White Plains. Fire Patrol 4, driven by George Groves and in which Lieut. Frank Washburn was riding, was trying to catch up with Aiding Deputy Chief Gray on his way to a fire and the automobile attempted to cut in between them.

Burr, who was sitting on the front seat with the chauffeur, Charles Rudy, of 25 East 148th street, was thrown out. The persons in the tonneau were spilled too, but they were not seriously hurt. After the fire patrolmen saw that the accident was not their fault they hurried on.

## COMMUTERS DELATED.

Nearly Half an Hour Stoppage of Trains on Hackensack Meadows.

Homebound commuters on the Lackawanna railroad were late to their supper last night as the result of a blockade on the westbound track on the meadows west of the Hackensack River caused by the breaking down shortly after 6 o'clock of a truck under the tender of a locomotive drawing a South Orange local.

The train came to a sudden standstill and many passengers piled out to see what all the trouble was about. Wreckers were summoned and the track was out of commission for two hours and a half while they were repairing the blockade.

In the meanwhile all westbound trains were obliged to take turn with the eastbound trains in using the eastbound track. As the result of the mishap nearly every train was twenty-five minutes or more late.

THE SHADDAH FLORIDA LIMITED leaves for Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., on Monday, Dec. 27, at 11:30 a.m. For tickets and information apply to the agent, 110 Broadway, New York.

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## LOST IN IRISH SEA.

Steamer Rostrevor Believed to Have Sunk—Ocean Liners Storm Beaten.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, Dec. 22.—It is feared that the steamer Rostrevor, with a crew of twenty-four and probably a few passengers, has been lost in a gale in the Irish Sea. She passed Greenore at 11 o'clock last night bound for Holyhead and has not been heard of since.

The gale has done great damage on the coast and inland. Several fatalities are reported. Incoming Atlantic steamers report very violent weather.

The Campania, which has arrived at Queenstown, reports that she encountered easterly gales and a tremendous sea, which prevented her from making more than seventeen knots. The Chicago was so retarded that she had to put into Queenstown for coal before going to Havre.

## SHERIFF FOLEY IN HOSPITAL.

Has Been in Miss Alston's Sanitarium Several Days With Stomach Trouble.

Sheriff Thomas F. Foley, who is among the honorary pallbearers for Little Tim Sullivan's funeral, himself has been a patient in Miss Alston's private hospital at 28 West Sixty-first street for the last few days. He has been ill for a month with stomach trouble, but was able to get around.

At the hospital last night it was said that his condition was not immediately serious, but his friends have been given to understand that he is a pretty sick man. Mr. Foley's wife has returned from Europe, where she had been, and visited her husband at the hospital.

## MRS. WATSON INDIGNANT.

Cables From Havana Protest Against Insults Made by Post's Brother.

The Sun has received this message from Mrs. Maureen Watson, who, with her husband, William Watson, the poet, is now staying in Havana:

"Mr. Robinson Watson's message to New York newspapers is a wicked attempt to ruin my husband's reputation. It accords well with his conduct for years past."

Robinson Watson, who is a brother of the poet, wrote to certain newspapers a few days ago from Montreal a long statement to the effect that his brother was unbalanced mentally and that his much discussed poem "The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue" was due to this condition.

## AUTOS FOR MOOSE JAW.

Farmer Places \$100,000 Worth of Orders for Himself and Neighbors.

DETROIT, Dec. 22.—Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, is the post office address of J. C. Coe, a farmer who spent the day in Detroit on his way to New York. Coe's main reason for visiting Detroit was to buy an automobile. He advertised this fact among his farmer neighbors before leaving home and he soon had orders and bank drafts for twenty-nine more like his own in his pocket, all from the "poor farmers." Coe is not an automobile agent.

The deals were mostly cash and aggregated nearly \$100,000. Coe's auto cost \$4,000, and the rest of the cars were all high grades, several in the \$5,000 class. The cause of all this prosperity in the Northwest is the wheat crop.

The machines will not be delivered until spring, as there is very little chance for automobile around Moose Jaw in the winter months.

"Give us some speed regulations and a garage," said Coe, "and we will be up with you Easterners."

## MRS. ASHLEY CUT IN AUTO.

Mother of Mrs. W. A. Chanler in a Collision With Another Car.

Mrs. George Ashley of 71 West Sixty-seventh street, the mother of Mrs. William Astor Chanler, was cut out of the back seat of an automobile accident at Central Park West and Sixty-sixth street yesterday afternoon. The Chanler car, in which she was riding, turned out to pass a wagon and collided with another automobile.

The front wheel of the Chanler automobile was torn off and the axle broken. Mrs. Ashley was thrown against the glass front of the tonneau. She was not seriously hurt, and Mrs. Chanler, who lives at 53 West Sixty-seventh street, took her to her home.

The Chanler chauffeur, Harry Green, was arrested for reckless driving and bailed by Mrs. Chanler. The driver of the wagon was arrested for violating the rules of the road.

## THE QUEEN TO THE VERY POOR.

Alexandra Said to Be Giver of Aims to Thames Embankment Waifs.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Unknown men have collected for the last two nights the homeless destitute people who frequent the Victoria Embankment and have given